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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A seat belt device for a vehicle, comprising:

a retractor to dispense and retract webbing of a seat belt, said webbing being locked so that it cannot be drawn out of the retractor when an acceleration equal to or larger than a predetermined value is applied to the vehicle;

an electric motor driven for rotation in a normal direction to take up the webbing of the seat belt when a collision of the vehicle is predicted and the acceleration equal to or larger than the predetermined value is applied to the vehicle, and, when the collision of the vehicle has been avoided and the acceleration has been reduced to be smaller than the predetermined value, driven for rotation in the normal direction to cancel locking thereby loosening the webbing; and

means for sensing the acceleration equal to or larger than the predetermined value or smaller than the predetermined value to control the electric motor, said sensing means including one of an adaptive cruise control system (ACC), a vehicle stability assisting system (VSA), an electric power steering system (EPS), a supplementary restraint system (SRS), and an automatic transmission system (AT).

5. (Currently Amended) A seat belt device for a vehicle, comprising:

a retractor to dispense and retract webbing of a seat belt~~[[,]]~~; ~~said webbing being locked so that it cannot be drawn out of the retractor when an acceleration equal to or larger than a predetermined value is applied to the vehicle; and~~

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an electric motor of the retractor, said electric motor being driven for rotation in a normal direction to take up a webbing of a seat belt based on a collision predicting signal which predicts a collision of the vehicle, said electric motor being driven for rotation in a reverse direction in response to said collision predicting signal disappearing, thereby to loosen the webbing; driven for rotation in a normal direction to take up the webbing of the seat belt when a collision of the vehicle is predicted and the acceleration equal to or larger than the predetermined value is applied to the vehicle, and, when the collision of the vehicle has been avoided and the acceleration has been reduced to be smaller than the predetermined value, driven for rotation in the normal direction to loosen the webbing;

a weight housing having a weight seat;

a movable weight member supported on the weight seat, said weight member having a top surface with a recess therein; and

a locking lever having a lower surface with a projection extending therefrom to contract the recess of said weight member;

~~wherein said retractor includes a movable weight member and a locking lever in contact with the weight member, said weight member moving moves when acceleration is equal to or larger than the a predetermined value applied to the vehicle to which move moves~~ said locking lever so as to lock said retractor; and

wherein when the acceleration has been reduced to be smaller than the predetermined value, said locking lever being is located so as to move under the force of gravity to unlock said retractor.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The seat belt device according to claim [[6]] 5, wherein said collision predicting signal is obtained from an adaptive cruise control system that controls a distance between the vehicle and a preceding vehicle.

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8-9. (Canceled)